

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label *one* copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR-11;

- Reference Docket No. CP97-774-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 23, 1998.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

If you are interested in obtaining procedural information please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

Your do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for New Major License

February 20, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2674-003.

c. *Date Filed:* May 30, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Vergennes Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Otter Creek in the City of Vergennes, Addison County, Vermont.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Michael Scarzello, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 25 Green Mountain Drive, P.O. Box 850, South Burlington, VT 05402, (802) 660-5835.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lee Emery, (202) 219-2779.

j. *Deadline Date:* See attached paragraph D9.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* The application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D9.

l. *Description of the Project:* The Vergennes Project's existing facilities consist of the following features: (1) Three concrete overflow dams, each about 10 feet high, with a total length of 231 feet, each having a crest elevation of about 132.78 feet above mean sea level (msl), surmounted by 1.5-foot-high flashboards, and a 29-foot-long, non-overflow dam; (2) an 8.8-mile-long, 133 acre surface area reservoir having a 200 acre-foot usable storage capacity at normal water surface elevation of 134.28 feet msl; (3) the north forebay with trashracks, headgates, and two 7-foot-diameter steel penstocks; (4) the north powerhouse, known as Plant 9B, with a 1,000-kW generating unit; (5) the south forebay, with trashracks, headgates, two surge tanks, and two 10-foot-diameter penstocks; (6) the south powerhouse, known as Plant 9, with two 700-kW generating units; (7) the generator leads from Plant 9 to the Vergennes substation and the 950-foot-long, 2,400-volt overhead generator leads from Plant 9B to the Vergennes substation; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The total project generating capacity would be 2,400 kW, and the total average annual generation would be 9.455 MWh. The applicant owns the dam and existing project facilities.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: D9.

n. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at: 888 First St., NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at 25 Green Mountain Drive, South Burlington, VT 05402,

(802) 864-5731 and at the City of Vergennes, City Manager's Office, Route 22A (Main Street), Vergennes, VT 05491, or by calling (802) 877-3637.

D9. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991), that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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